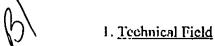


Please amend the specification as follows.

Please add the following text before page 1, line 1 and after the title:



Background of the Invention

Please add the following text after page 1, line 16:



2. Related Art

Please add the following text after page 2, line 8:



Summary of the Invention

Please add the following text after page 2, line 20:



Brief Description of the Drawings

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Detailed Description of the Invention

Please add the following text on the line after "CLAIMS:" and prior to claim 1, on page

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-- What is claimed is:--

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On page 7, beginning on line 1, please amend the Abstract as follows:

A device according to the invention, for reading and/or writing information from from/onto an optical information carrier (1), the device comprising comprises read means (2) including an imager means (21, 22, 23) for imaging a radiation beam (24) so as to form a into scanning spot (11) with which to scan the information carrier, (1) is scanned and including detection means (26) a detector for generating a read signal (Sts) which is indicative of the intensity of the radiation reflected from the information carrier (1) at the location of the scanning spot (1-1). The device has an information transfer mode, wherein in which the scanning spot (1-1) is moved in a first direction (R1) with respect to the information carrier (1). The device further has a displacement mode, wherein in which the scanning spot (11) is moved in a second direction (R2) transverse to the first direction (R1). The device includes a controller control means (40, 41) for controlling the imager imaging means (21, 22, 23) in response to a measurement signal (FE) which is indicative of the degree of focusing of the radiation beam (24) at the location of the scanning spot (11). The control means controller samples and holds include sample and hold means (40) for sampling and holding the measurement signal (FE) in response to a sample signal (Suntate). According to the invention the device is characterized in that the sample signal (Suntate) causing causes the measurement signal (PE) to be sampled when the said intensity is comparatively high. This measure reduces radial to vertical thus reducing radial-to-vertical crosstalk.

